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Both of these men were members of congress at the time the fatal duel occurred. The probability is, that Cilley was to blame; but whether so or not, he returned, it appears from the above, to haunt the one who sent him prematurely to Solit-Like.

eyes out, hunt for his brain, massacre him and finally kill him without the least conceivable display of remorse. An Eastern humane society protested against pigeon shooting by expert marksmen on the score of cruelty to animals, but the grasshoppers can fly higher than the pigeon, can sing louder, can eat more, and were made by the same Divine Hand, and still every method to destroy them is brought into requisition. O

The Christians to kill it." The Chicago Times facetiously says: "One of the Democrats in journals which has been conspicuously absent at Col. Ingersoll's infidelity is the Chicago Times. A journal of such deep and humble piety, that its heads an account of a hanging. 'Jerked up Jesus' and alludes to the new Moody Tabernacle in Chicago as 'That Salvation Shop,' adding: 'The devil will catch it when they get that Moody machine in good working order, and the revivals and his musical attachment begin to grind.'

all tell you solemnly that they are "hard on Christ and his troops were a gang of conscious beggars; they took from a poor widow her very last mite. The tramps of to-day will take anything from anybody—the fatherless and the widows need not hanker after visits." *—* **Rev. M. Burr, of Vermillion, Dak.** writes: "I prize the Journal above all other papers I read, on account of the weekly fruitage of profound thought which it is ever freighted."



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## THE REFORMER.

Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond Answers Important Questions, Sunday Morning, April 15th.

(Reprinted from the "Reformer.")

**Question:** Please explain the condition under which materialization is accomplished; also the materialization of the beautiful forms of spirits.

**Answer:** In the past, we have given some three discourses upon the subject of materialization, but for the last year or so, present, will occupy a portion of the time explaining, so far as possible, the process. The audience must remember that scientific terms are not employed in the tracing of substance which spirits are obliged to use for materialization, and as no other terms have been substituted, it is difficult to explain it; we can, however, discuss approximately the method. Everything that manifests itself from the spirit side of life, manifests, of course, from spirit to matter; while what you witness in the materialization of the human form, or in the treatment of scientific subjects, is from matter to spirit. The spirit side of life deals with the inner elements. For instance, you are aware that there are substances in the atmosphere of this room of which you have no consciousness, save that they contribute to your life. If the atmosphere were suddenly impoverished, every one of you would perish; you would be conscious of the loss of breath. The spirit body is materialized all the time that it manifests itself in the organic structure of man's own body. The spirit leaves the physical organism, the body perishes, just as soon as the spirit is out side of the temporal body, the outermost cover is removed; all else remains the same. The spirit body pervades the physical body, it is positive to it. Whenever the disembodied spirit wishes to materialize, wholly or partially, it is under one of the following conditions: The spirit is able, through the medium of the physical medium, to appear in the presence of friends, with perfect form, every lineament manifested; or they are able to psychically impress their form upon the vision of the seer, and enable the seer to see them. Whenever the form is visible to more than one, it is reasonable to suppose that it is not a psychological impression; the result is the same, the impression is sufficient to reach the consciousness of vision. All the spirit does in this case, is through earth's atmosphere, and sympathy with persons comprising the assemblage, and through the elements surrounding the medium, all the spirit does, is to cover itself with sufficient film of materiality to be seen. A very thin film would be required to be photographed; a somewhat greater degree to impress the vision on the eye; and still greater degree of materiality to endure the influence of the eyes of the circle for any length of time. These are the results of the will of the spirit. Because the elements of materializations are so near what constitute your own organic structure, they must of necessity partake of the human organism; the substance can not be drawn at random from the outside air, nor must be drawn from the atmosphere or aura of human beings.

The first materialized form with some medium, resembled the latter, and this has been considered evidence that it was not a spiritual form. There has been just as good evidence that it was a spirit form, for the medium was in a dark cabinet. The reason of this relation is very plain and clear. The natural tendency of all atoms that have met upon the physical organism is to assume the shape they had previously taken; and the spirit, being so perfectly powerful to clothe themselves with their own likeness, it is easier to materialize a form resembling the medium.

The spirit can assume any form, the substance being under the control of the will. The fine drapery is easier arranged. The cloud-like drapery you see, if you could control the same, would assume any form or likeness. Mediums are surrounded by the greatest amount of this substance, and in their presence the spirits are enabled to manifest better. The will-force employed by the spirits is like a breath, as it were, through upon the medium from a distance. This materializing substance passes from all in the form of a ray.

Mediums being sensitive to contact, spirits warn you not to touch them during the process of materialization. The substance for materialization is partially drawn from the organism of those forming the circle. Sensitive persons will tell you that they feel exhausted. The spirit is in a circle where harmony prevails. The spirits facilitate forces toward the medium's body, drawing from all persons in the room. They throw the medium with an aura or film which, by gradual evolution, concentrates itself, and is drawn around the spirit's body, making it tangible. This is just as clear as expressing your own life. You can know more of the method of spirit action, when the scientific world meet us half way.

The drapery element is arranged with some medium, and is according to the skill of the spirit manifesting; if the person is elevated, the drapery will correspond; some were bright colors; some appear in garments they wore on earth; if the person is elevated, and the spirit is elevated, the drapery will correspond, and will be woven into such texture as the taste de-

sires, for which is in itself good, takes external form.

**Question:** Persons who are deformed in their earth life, appear in this deformed condition when returning to earth; from that may we infer that deformity exists in Spirit-life?

**Answer:** No deformity in Spirit-life unless imperfection of this spirit-exists. The physical deformity is for identification. The physical condition of the spirit is drawn largely on the sympathy of those on earth, could movelessly present itself in that manner—in a deformed state.

**Question:** Is it always necessary to have a clock in the materialization?

**Answer:** It is a necessity to have a medium for materialization.

**Question:** What do you mean by deformed spirits?

**Answer:** We say there is no deformity in Spirit-life, except those that result from spirit-imperfection. Every imperfection of the spirit is manifested upon the spiritual body.

**Question:** Materialization sometimes takes place with one or two in a circle; at other times ten or fifteen are required.

**Answer:** They do not require a large number; sometimes, however, by far more than that; sometimes the medium is exhausted and there is no resultant force. If human beings could be wound up like a clock, they could materialize with perfect regularity. The Spirit-world is obliged to adapt itself to circumstances.

**Question:** What about the present condition in Europe, including the Roman question, from a spiritual standpoint?

**Answer:** Some twelve years ago, at the close of a great war in this country, Theodore Parker said that the next terrible war, which would shake Europe and America, would be one of a religious nature. In the sphere in which Mr. Parker now resides, there are many different opinions entertained as to the nature of this struggle; whether it shall be spiritual, or a clash of ideas. A brief glance at the aspect of affairs, will satisfy any one that the present complications have been long smoldering. It would not be possible to have a general war on the Eastern question; it will not be possible to have a general war on any question since certain powers keep watch, or hold in abeyance too great aspirations. Russia has held, and perhaps, now holds the key of political power; the Roman question having been out of sight, has been smoldering. It is Mr. Parker's opinion and others, that any nation that makes a religious compromise, is not safe in that compromise. King William considers himself an instrument in the hand of God to save the Protestant church; it is not strange that the King of Prussia, the dangerous Catholic element. The Roman Catholic Church is the oldest organized power in Christendom; its discipline, schools, colleges, are better than that of any other organized body; its accessories are under better control; it is able to maintain its discipline under any form of government. The Pope has power over all the Catholic citizens of the United States. No government can vie with the influence of that church, whose emissaries are in every land of the world. The devotees have not been idle. The years of external struggle, have been the years of silent struggle. Driven spiritually from Rome, the Pope has drawn from every land. Whether that struggle comes this year, or five years from now, is a simple matter of the Pope's will. Once it will, in some manner. The effort to reinstate the Holy See, the effort to recover the temporal power, which, under the leadership of Garibaldi and Mazzini, was wrest from this papal power, will plunge the world into war, such as was never seen before; the result will unquestionably be the abolition of any Pope. Those who are blind can not see; those who are blind can not know that the world outside of them moves; besides, that outside world is a blind world of the strength, fervor and positive force of liberalism moving on, can not be stemmed by the Pope himself.

**Question:** What is woman's highest sphere?

**Answer:** If the questions were unconscious of the elements of history, and could stand, as it were, in the midst of this century, with any remembrance of what history records, it would seem to be useless to ask the question, since natural intelligence would presume the condition; but there are those who can recollect historical events, and who remember that it was a serious question whether women should learn the alphabet. Within the last few centuries, the struggle has been fought as whether, in art, science, literature, etc., women should stand on an equal footing with the men; and the question has arisen whether women should participate with men in conducting the government. Of course, we say this seems absurd, but you must remember that past laws have been made by man, and that might in the beginning of government was right, and that physical force was arbitrary, and that precedent is extant in the world to-day. In the East, we have seen the decline of Eastern nations, as largely due to the enslavement of one-half of the human family; since when this element in any government is enslaved, there must be a decline of civilization. During the greatest power in Egypt woman participated in government, art, etc. During the highest epochs of the Hebrew nation, women were assigned a prominent position. The history of every nation, has been the history of the enslavement of women, and then its consequent decline.

Woman's sphere is eminently that of intellect, spiritual, redemptive, and the center of the home; millions, however, have no home. It is this fault of this government made by man, that is this. So when woman takes her position, as the side of man, she will be in her proper sphere. There is as much need of woman in government as that of man. Make your political action, your legislation, as your literary clubs today, and you will have a much redeemed in politics, as you have now in church society. Materialism and Pompeii were for man; its decorations were for the eyes of man; no other place where man should be that woman could accompany him. If it is woman's place to be by the side of his husband, brother or son and the center of their affections, Man should be the center; woman should keep alive the inner, and make a shrine in every place where human beings tread.

**Question:** If there is one primary element in the Universe, and that is spirit, then there is any known substance not spirit?

**Answer:** We have frequently said that since we have no knowledge of primary substance, Spirit is the elementary substance of the Universe. Every expression of matter is an expression of spirit in a different degree; just as different colors are the result of various intensities of light. Spirit is the only substance innate in the Universe. That which you call matter, is the varied expression of spirit. Wherever matter existed, if that could be so, as we should by spirit, there would be absolute chaos; no substance there. Materialists substitute matter for spirit and arrive at nothing.

**Question:** Does not that make spirit wholly responsible for the action of the physical?

**Answer:** It is generally supposed that in this world, each human being is responsible for his own actions. The great spiritual universe is responsible for the great material Universe. There could be no action without the spiritual Universe; but if we wish to be spiritual, or a clash of ideas, and life within the lower age, immediately responsible for the flower, together with the auxiliary, light, atmosphere, etc.

**Question:** The blessing of immortality compared with the ethical teachings of materialism?

**Answer:** The greatest blessing is truth. If Materialism were true, that would be the greatest blessing. Materialism would be an innate responsibility in every human breast, and that would be the end—a solution of the difficulty. We do not consider Materialism responsible for creating a falsehood; but could it be responsible for not arriving at the whole truth. The boon of existence is to live life properly and know the truth. It is a matter of fact that the King of Prussia, the dangerous Catholic element, is entertained by some? Every fact in the Universe having any reference to the subject, bears the other way. The exploration of every mind of existence in the past, has been toward immortality. The expression from the spirit side of existence, has also been in that direction. Immortality, the pen of Materialism has denied as the birth-right of the soul. Fortunately, the immaterial side of the Universe is just as active as the physical. The spiritual laws that move in the firmament, are just as positive as the laws of the physical firmament.

**Question:** It has been said that when a person is buried alive, the spirit can not escape, as asserted by A. J. Davis.

**Answer:** This provokes a smile. When Mr. Davis mentioned an instance of a spirit being intombed, he did not know it was able to escape. But if a spirit can pass through, in and out of a room, walls or floors, he can pass through the earth, and escape from any where. There is nothing solid that you call soil. To the eyes of the spirit the walls are as the thinnest film. The spirit is free to pass through and out of any place on earth, or in air, and is not aware of being obstructed by the same. Therefore, when you understand the nature of spiritual substance, that it is much finer than any substance of which you have any knowledge—compared to air—it is as much finer than the atmosphere, as the atmosphere is finer than the most solid marble. The spirit rises from the material body somewhat slowly. That depends on the condition. In the instance Mr. Davis referred to, the spirit would have received in the tomb just as long as it had not volition to rise. Spirit sometimes remains unconscious of their power, until something occurs to make them aware that they can rise. Friends should not be doing the body of the dead, with their deep sympathy and love, too long, for in so doing they render the separation of the spirit from the body more difficult.

**Question:** Can spirits pass through glass?

**Answer:** Certainly, it is as refined as light, and passes through it.

Hon. S. S. Jones.

S. S. Jones settled in Kane county some forty years ago, and for a long period occupied a position of great trust in Illinois. He was the proprietor of several important lines of railroads, and as president of the Illinois Central, and as a member of the Senate. For fifteen years he has been prominently identified with Modern Spiritualism, and has done more to advance it than any other one man to give it a name and a place in the hearts of the people. His life has been spent in promulgating a system of philosophy which stripped pain death of its terror to show a broad and happy path "over the river" himself without a shudder. He has been a student of his life, and his noble qualities of mind and heart, and being his memory will remain a spring of inspiration to the body has turned to dust.—Pentecost (Ill.) Sentinel.

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The time will come when "oaths" will be entirely dispensed with; there being no litigation then there will be no necessity to solemnly admonish a person to tell the truth on the witness stand. The Jews swore by Jerusalem and the temple; the

gent Greeks and Romans animated with a love for the departed, holding them in sacred remembrance, swore by their souls, and the ashes of the fathers. The Jews also swore by the God of Israel. In Athens, oaths were administered in the name of Neptune, Jupiter and Minerva. In this country the Bible is generally used. Beecher, during his celebrated trial, however, chose to select a different method. We hope the time will soon arrive when men will tell the truth without going through with the form of an oath. The

**Honey Grove, Texas.**—J. A. Rutherford writes:—(Dear RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNALIST) Did you get yet? Except a word of condolence from an old friend. I am glad to hear that you are still as sure child when I first made your acquaintance. I watched you with deep interest until you became a man; yes, a giant. You will please indulge me in saying, that the longer I know you, the better I loved you. Now, while you have attained to a famous maturity, I have stepped down into old age. Well, I hope that nothing has

the departure of one or the other from this material sphere, shall be able to sever us socially. But your grand architect has fallen. Haas fallen, and, oh, how cruel! What good man or woman can contemplate the sad and senseless act, without a heartful pang? Since I have been living, a host of noble men and women have gone down in death. The illustrious Washington died alone I have been breathing and thinking; and what a list of worthies have fallen in the interval from Washington to Mr. S. Ames.

**Atheism.**—Subscriptions to raise a statue of Giordano Bruno in Rome, on the spot where he was burned for his Atheism in 1600, have reached the sum of six hundred dollars, and further sums are coming in daily from every part of Europe.—Fr.

has many adherents even at the present time. It speculated the idea that the universe itself, with all its manifold unfoldments, was simply an expression of God himself, and hence divine. Spinoza entertained similar opinions, and Descartes and the modern German school of philosophy followed closely in his path of investigations, showing that he left a mark in the world that still distinctly shows its existence.

**Brief Mentions—What Next?**—Dr. George D. Reed gives us an account of how Mr. Jones influenced Dr. Riley, the medium, at 418 West Van Buren Street. He also controlled Mrs. Dr. Lowry and shook hands with those present. **E. E. Craddock**, of Concord, N. H., writes: "Please furnish me with a cabinet size likeness of our lamented brother. I have confidence that under the new administration, our JOURNAL may as heretofore continue to enshrine the verities which

Harriet Martineau tells us of an elderly blind woman from her birth, who yet saw in her sleep, and described accurately in her waking state, the clothing of individuals. [1] Theodore Parker once said in his pulpit in Boston, in reference to Spiritualism: "This belief, without priests, without creeds, without churches, without any established form of worship or teachers, entering silently every pathway of life, piercing every department

science, of literature, of religion, is destined to  
be the religion of the future." **12** The Boston  
 Herald says: "The spirit having passed through  
the change called death, is supposed to enter upon  
a life of spiritual progression, and those remaining  
should be careful that their acts do not retard it."  
To draw the spirit into close relationship with  
earth scenes, either by intense yearning, desire, or  
grief, is to commit an injury that will make itself  
manifest." **13** Spiritualism has a higher mission  
than other more lowly, or selfish earth schemes.

rests only convince of the truths of Spiritualism  
then should come the fruition, the better life,  
preparatory one enabling a person to take a high  
position in the next. Dr. Moore, in his work  
"Body and Mind," relates that an intimate  
friend of his own, a diplomatist, had engaged a  
passage to South America by a steamer which was  
to leave May 9, 1886. A vivid dream experienced  
by a lady friend deterred him from going, and the  
vessel was lost, as she had seen. Dr. Thomas

Lewis, of 493 Waverly Av., Brooklyn, N. Y., writes: "I send you the enclosed scrap, to show you how the pope of Rome and the secret Jesuits are doing their best to undermine our free institutions. The sooner the states adopt the New Hampshire law of not allowing any Roman or Greek Catholic to hold office, or act as teachers in our free schools, the more certain will we be to ward off the religious war in the United States so often predicted by the angels through reliable mediums."—Ed. Wm. Matthews, of Lynchburg.

...speaks of some excellent communications and tests from Dr. E. W. Demortimer, a few months ago. He wrote his name with the corner of the table. **Impostors**, too, are prevalent in California; two attempted to perform the flower test and were exposed. **Southern Spiritual organizations** are much more "religious" than those of the North. Thomas Paine don't send many mediums down there. **Gerald Massey**, in a lecture reported May 17, 1922, says: "On waking up at

clock my wife informed me that my mother had died. Asked how she knew? She said she had seen in a dream the black-cloaked letter put under the bedroom door. At 8 o'clock the variable letter came." **Dr. T. Starr King** asserted publicly through a medium a short time since, that on that occasion was the first time he ever communicated how about the numerous other "T. Starr Kings" somebody lies. **Dr. The Apostle Paul** says: "For am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things

...ent, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God." [18] Raps, movements, tables, etc., spirit voices, manifestations in the dark, and then in the light are the regular order in which manifestations occur within a physical medium. [19] Macnab in his "Philosophy of Sleep," notes a curious dream of his own, which bears on the question of clairvoyance or prophetic dreaming. In Calhoun, he dreamed that a near rela-

...retaining his faculties or had suddenly died," wrote  
works in "a state of inconceivable terror," wrote  
inquire, and at the end of three days received  
an answer confirming all the particulars of his  
dream. [6] The death of Mr. Percival, the Chan-  
cellor of the Exchequer of England, shot in the  
lobby of the house by one Bellingham, was fore-  
told by a prophetic dream, thrice repeated to Mr.  
Williams of Scourie House, near Redruth, in  
Cornwall, on the night of May 11, 1812. [7] The  
*Boston Herald* says: "In some cases the medium

shrewd, calculating, designing woman, with a eye to the main chance, as circumstances often afford after a wretched experience; in others, the control may be genuine. Proper investigation will determine. Boston, at the present time, is afflicted with the rumors of a credulous man, who so far believes that he has conspired with his life that he has made the medium a present of a horse and carriage because "his wife liked to ride."

...of doing without the JOURNAL, with me li-  
...almost become a necessity." "It appears  
...that a Hindu Fakir can not be imported to  
...country, because he can not cross the Kalahari  
... (black water) without losing his caste."  
...Mr. Humphrey David under the influence of  
...trousers, said, "Nothing exists but ideas."  
...didn't think so when he returned to his nor-  
...condition. "So far as heard from, only two  
...spirits have returned to earth to be married to

Mr. Humphrey Dary dreamed that he was in Italy, in a particular room, the furniture of which he now is distressed by a young girl, whose face he remembered. Some years afterward he was traveling in Italy, was taken ill, laid up in the very room, and nursed by the very girl whom he saw in his dream. <sup>100</sup> Nitrous oxide was once administered to Sir Humphrey Dary, the accomplished chemist and physicist at the Royal Institution; he says that his thoughts began to flow

with lightning like rapidity. *de*



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